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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON ALLEGED SOVIET OFFER TO ENRICH URANIUM FOR INDIA

1. THE JULY 14 "TIMES OF INDIA" FRONTPAGES AN ARTICLE  
BY SUBHASH CHAKRAVARTI REPORTING THAT THE GOI "IS  
UNDERSTOOD" TO HAVE RECEIVED AN "INFORMAL OFFER FROM  
THE SOVIET UNION TO ENRICH NATURAL URANIUM FOR INDIA."  
THE ARTICLE IS SET AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF WHAT  
CHAKRAVARTI CALLS THE "UNCERTAINTIES" SURROUNDING  
CONTINUED SUPPLY OF ENRICHED FUEL BY THE U.S. FOR  
TARAPUR AFTER THE CURRENT 7.6 TON SHIPMENT. HE NOTES  
THAT SINCE INDIA REGARDS ANY CUT-OFF OF SHIPMENTS AS  
A BREACH OF CONTRACT BY THE U.S., THE GOI WOULD  
FEEL FREE TO SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES. "THE SOVIET  
OFFER MAY, IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, ASSUME IMPORTANCE,"  
DESPITE THE USSR'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE LONDON SUPPLIERS  
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CLUB. CHAKRAVARTI DOES NOT OFFER BACKGROUND FOR THE  
ALLEGED SOVIET "OFFER" OTHER THAN TO WRITE THAT THE  
USSR'S OPTION TO ASSIST OTHER COUNTRIES IN ENRICHMENT  
WAS STATED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN HIS UN  
SSOD SPEECH. THE RELEVANT PORTION OF THAT SPEECH,  
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, READS: "THE SOVIET UNION  
HAS FOR MANY YEARS NOW BEEN RENDERING SERVICES TO

A NUMBER OF STATES IN THE ENRICHMENT OF THEIR NATURAL URANIUM AT SOVIET PLANTS AND CARRYING OUT COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD ALSO IN OTHER FORMS. AND THIS IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO A GROWTH OF THE NUCLEAR THREAT."

2. IN ADDITION TO REPORTING THE SOVIET'S "INFORMAL OFFER," CHAKRAVARTI SAYS THAT "SOME ENCOURAGING INQUIRIES IN THIS RESPECT WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH ALSO." HE SAYS THAT "COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND FRANCE'S LATEST STAND ON ASSISTANCE TO A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" WILL ARISE DURING THE JULY 18 VISIT TO INDIA OF THE FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OLIVIER STIRN. GOHEEN

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